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SUBJECT: UNESCO ELECTORAL GROUP (WEO) MEETING ON
ELECTIONS TO 19TH GEN. CONF. ORGANS

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1. AS PROMISED IN PARA 10 OF REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS
PERMDEL'S STATUS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING
GROUP I, (A) ELECTIONS TO EXBD, (B) COMPOSITION OF THE
BUREAU OF 19TH GEN. CONF. AND (C) COMPOSITION OF
"DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATION GROUP" TO BE SET UP AT 19TH
GENCONF. GROUP I MEETS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 10 AM.

2. ELECTIONS TO EXECUTIVE BOARD. THERE ARE FOUR WEO
CANDIDATES FOR FOUR SEATS TO BECOME VACANT ON THE EXBD,
I.E. FRG FOR FRG; ITALY FOR ITALY; PORTUGAL FOR OUTGOING
SPAIN; AND SWITZERLAND FOR AUSTRIA. THUS, THERE IS NO
PROBLEM OF SELECTION. IT IS EXPECTED THAT AUSTRIA
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(WESTERHOF) WILL BE ELECTED AT SEPTEMBER 14 GROUP I

MEETING TO REPLACE FRG (PETERSEN) AS CHAIRMAN OF
ELECTORAL GROUP I. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, PERMDEL
WILL VOTE IN FAVOR.

3. COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE (BUREAU) OF
THE 19TH GENCONF. THE BUREAU CONSISTS OF PRESIDENT,
15 VICE-PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES AND
COMMISSIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. GROUP I IS
ENTITLED TO DESIGNATE FOUR VICE-PRESIDENTS OF 19TH
GENCONF. WE ASSUME THAT U.S. WOULD WANT TO BE REPRE-
SENTED ON THE BUREAU THROUGH ONE OF THE 15 VICE-
PRESIDENTS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT FRANCE, UK AND FRG
WOULD DO LIKEWISE. PERMDEL WILL SUPPORT SUCH SLATE
UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.

4. OF 21-MEMBER LEGAL COMMITTEE, ELECTED BY PREVIOUS,
18TH GENCONF., NINE ARE FROM GROUP I (BELGIUM, FINLAND,
FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, UK AND U.S.),
AND FOUR (ARGENTINA, ECUADOR, PANAMA AND VENEZUELA) FROM
GROUP III. IF PROPERLY COORDINATED, SUCH MAJORITY OF
13 SHOULD BE ABLE TO ELECT CHAIRMAN, WHO WILL REPRE-
SENT THIS IMPORTANT COMMITTEE ON THE BUREAU. WHILE
PERMDEL IS NOT AWARE AT THIS TIME OF ANY CANDIDATURES,
WE WOULD RECOMMEND ABOVE RATIONALE TO GROUP I MEETING
AND SUGGEST THAT CHAIRMEN OF GROUPS I AND III SHOULD
CONSULT ON SUBJECT MATTER.

5. THE 19TH GENCONF WILL ELECT NINE-MEMBER CREDENTIAL
COMMITTEE WHICH WILL THEN ELECT ITS CHAIRMAN. AT
18TH GENCONF, GROUP I WAS REPRESENTED BY BELGIUM AND US.
IT IS EXPECTED THAT USSR WOULD WANT TO BE REPRESENTED
ON THIS COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL TAKE ADDITIONAL IMPORTANCE
AT FORTHCOMING GENCONF. WE RECOMMEND THAT U.S. BE ONE
OF THE TWO GROUP I MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE.

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6. DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATION GROUP (DNG). AS DEPT. AWARE, THIS KEY ORGAN, TO BE COMPOSED OF ABOUT 20 MEMBERS, WILL BE ENTRUSTED WITH ALL POLITICAL AND CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS ON THE 19TH GENCONF AGENDA. ITS COMPOSITION IS, THEREFORE, OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT GROUP I WILL BE ENTITLED TO FOUR (AND POSSIBLY FIVE) MEMBERS ON THIS GROUP. OUR BEST READING OF THE SITUATION WITHIN GROUP I AT PRESENT TIME IS THAT, IN ADDITION TO U.S., EC-9, SCANDINAVIA AND OCEANIA WOULD LIKE TO BE REPRESENTED ON DNG. SOME (E.G. BELGIUM, FRG AND NETHERLANDS) FEEL THAT EC-9 SHOULD HAVE TWO SEATS ON DNG AT EXPENSE OF "OCEANIA" (AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND). PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT WE SUPPORT WHATEVER CONSENSUS MAY EMERGE AT THE GROUP I MEETING, PROVIDED THAT U.S. IS INCLUDED.

7. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, GROUP I MEETING MAY ALSO FOCUS ON THE QUESTION OF CHAIRMANSHIP OF DNG. AS PREVIOUSLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORTED, DG M'BOW WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIS CONFIDANT, BOSSIER-PALUN (BENIN) AS CHAIRMAN OF DNG. THERE IS ALSO STRONG SENTIMENT AMONG PERMDELS HERE IN FAVOR OF HECTOR WYNTER (JAMAICA), PRESENTLY CHAIRMAN OF EXBD, FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF DNG. PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT GROUP I CONSIDER SUBJECT MATTER WITHOUT MAKING ANY COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME. WE BELIEVE FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AND SOUNDINGS OUT PRO AND CON OF ABOVE TWO POSSIBILITIES MIGHT BE DESIRABLE.

8. DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED BEFORE RPT BEFORE OPENING OF GROUP I MEETING SCHEDULED FOR

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